

to appointments on the bench just as he  
 opposed legislation  
 that we asked for in Congress. I think it  
 essential, if the  
 bad effect upon the canvass of those  
 disclosures is to be  
 obviated, that we should show unmistakably  
 how completely  
 loose from us Mr. Foraker is. If this is not  
 shown affirmatively, there is danger that the people  
 will not see it  
 and will simply think that all Eepublicans are  
 tarred with  
 the same brush. In other words there is need  
 for aggressive  
 action on our part. My own feeling is that  
 nothing is  
 gained by temporizing in a matter like this, or  
 by paying  
 heed to the ridiculous little politician who  
 thinks it is a  
 good thing to get harmony between you and  
 creatures of  
 the Foraker stamp. I would like to see you in  
 the strongest  
 and most emphatic way do what I should  
 do in your  
 place—make a fight openly on the ground that  
 you stood  
 in the Eepublican party and before the people  
 for the tri-  
 umph over the forces which were typified by  
 the purchase  
 of a United States Senator to do the will of  
 the Standard  
 Oil Company, and that you had been opposed  
 by him be-  
 cause of this fundamental antagonism and  
 that for the  
 American people to beat you was to serve  
 notice that they  
 were willing to see a man punished because he  
 declined to  
 yield on such an issue."

Two days later, September 21, 1908, the  
 President wrote  
 to George E. Sheldon, Treasurer of the  
 Eepublican Na-  
 tional Committee, at New York:

"I have been informed that you, or some one  
 on behalf  
 of the National Committee, have requested  
 contributions

both from Mr. Archbold and Mr. Harriman. If  
this is true  
I wish to enter a most earnest protest, and to  
say that in  
my judgment not only should such  
contributions not be  
solicited, but if tendered they should be  
refused; and if  
they have been accepted they should  
immediately be re-  
turned. I am not the candidate, but I am the  
head of the  
Eepublican Administration, which is an issue  
in this cam-  
paign, and I protest most earnestly against  
men whom we  
are prosecuting being asked to contribute to  
elect a Presi-